

Anytown Kids Foundation

Guiding Principles:

Services

Projects will involve or improve the delivery of services to children, youth, and families.

Prevention

Projects will promote and provide early, sustained intervention to address the problems of children and families.

The Family Unit

Lives of children will be improved by helping parents meet the child's needs. Projects will focus on the needs and functioning of the family as a unit and build relationships of trust and respect between children and their families.

The Community

Projects will view children and families in the context of their environment and tailor services in and to the needs of the community.

Comprehensive and Flexible

A child's social, emotional, financial, educational, and health needs are interrelated. Services will be comprehensive, flexible and responsive, as well as sensitive to the participant's needs.

Family Strength

Services will build on family strengths to meet the needs of children.

Disadvantaged

Projects will tailor their services to respond to the distinctive needs of those at greatest risk.

Access to Service

Projects will facilitate access to services.

Cultural Diversity

Projects and services will respect cultural differences in society.

Cooperation and Coordination

Projects will cooperate and coordinate with other service providers to be responsive to the needs of children and families.

Effectiveness

Service delivery projects will be based upon models whose effectiveness is supported by research and evaluation.

Accountability

Projects will emphasize participant outcomes, long-term change and development and be accountable by evaluating program effectiveness.

Training

Persons who administer programs that are funded will be qualified professionals or paraprofessionals or will receive training, technical assistance and institutionalized support for such, especially when new and cooperative projects are begun.

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AREAS OF INTEREST

Program Areas

The Foundation's grant-making program for Children, Youth, and Families is concentrated in four program areas. Within each program area, grant-making centers on specific objectives.

Child and Family Health & Welfare

Objectives

- * Improve and promote infant and maternal health.
- * Improve child and adolescent health and development.
- * Prevent substance and alcohol abuse.
- * Prevent youth and family violence.
- * Prevent child abuse and neglect.
- * Enable children and families to have access to the necessities of life.

Education Objectives

- * Improve school readiness of children and youth through effective parenting, parent literacy, day care, early childhood and preschool education.
- * Prepare youth for successful transitions from school to work and to productive adult lives.
- * Improve ways schools are organized and managed with a focus on the developmental needs of children, parental involvement and accountability.

Parenting Objectives

- * Educate parents on the proper parenting roles.
- * Strengthen the role of parents in raising their children.
- * Develop and promote the parents' responsibility as a role model.
- * Strengthen communication skills between parents and children.
- * Educate parents to accept full responsibility for parenthood.

Youth Development Objectives

- * Develop maximum human potential through cultural studies, recreation, physical fitness and other productive leisure activities.
- * Encourage youth volunteerism, community service, mentoring, and intergenerational relationships.
- * Build self-esteem, life skills, positive values and expand life option opportunities.

Type of Support

Within the four program areas, the Foundation will provide:

- Support for new, pilot or demonstration projects where credible plans for replacing Foundation funds and institutionalizing the project (e.g., incorporating the project into core services) are presented.
- Project support for expanding or refining existing projects that have proven successful and where feasible, plans for replacing Foundation funding and institutionalizing the project are presented.
- General support for the purpose of helping organizations build capacity, plan strategically, train staff and become more self-sufficient when their basic mission encompasses one or more of the Foundation's program areas.
- General support for collaborative and partnership projects, involving public and private sectors, for the purpose of helping government improve the way it delivers services.
- Support for applied research studies and evaluations involving local service providers and public policy analysis that will make a substantial contribution toward improved delivery of services.
- Capital support for construction or renovation of facilities that are essential to the success of a program, which has already received Foundation support; and where the capital project improves the organization's core services and furthers the objectives of the Foundation's program areas.

